

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0034] (as originally filed) as indicated.

[0034]Pinion wheels 18 are shown in FIGS. 11a-c, and consist of pinion wheel sides 84 attached radially with pinion wheel hub 80, through which shaft 100 passes, and which, in turn, is eventually driven by motor 30 (see FIG. 3). A plurality of pinion pins 82 are disposed between pinion wheel sides 84 at a point between pinion wheel hub 80 and the outer radius of pinion wheel sides 84, and are held in place thereby. The actual number, size and spacing of pinion pins 82 may be varied without departing from the spirit of the invention, and is dependent upon, among other factors, the size and weight of blade plate 16. The spacing, size and frequency of slots 17 in the linear racks located along the sides of blade plate 16 must, of course, correspond with the frequency, size and shape of pinion pins 82 in pinion wheels 18. Additionally, hub 80 may be optional; pinion wheel sides [18] 84 may be attached directly to the shaft of a motor or geared drive.